(Protection) Act for about 80 categories of industries. Besides, standards for ambient air and water quality have also been notified.

-For control of pollution from automobiles, stricter emission standards, introduction of unleaded petrol in major cities, installation of catelytic converters, introduction of low sulphur fuels and improvement in the fuel quality have been undertaken.

-Ambient air quality is being monitored regularly in major cities of the State.

(d) and (e) The steps taken to control pollution in Kalpakkam Power Station include the following:—

(i) Adequate measures have been taken for control of radiation hazards;

(ii) Adequate facilities have been provided for treatment of effluents before discharging;

(iii) Management of radio active wastes conforming to environmental norms;

(iv) Periodic monitoring and surveillance of emissions from the Power Station.

(f) Does not arise.

Plantation in hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh

3856. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan for large scale tree plantation in hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, togetherwith the places earmarked for such plantation; and

(c) the funds earmarked for this purpose during the last two years and the funds actually utilized during this period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information provided by the State Government, details of plantations carried out in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh under various schemes during the last three years in forest lands are given below:

(Area in hectares)

Sl. No.	Sector	Target 9th Plan (1997-2002)	Achievements		
			1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01)
1	State Plan schemes	145900	25204	26149	15419
2	Centrally Sponsored Schemes	31800	3864	3519	3352
3	Others	—	2232	842	1229
	TOTAL	177700	31300	30510	20000

In addition, 10 lakh seedlings have been distributed annually for plantation on private lands.

(c) Funds earmarked/utilised during the last two years for this purpose are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Utilisation
1999-2000	3421.952	3421.252
2000-01	3112.630	3112.630*

*Estimated

Most polluted cities

3857. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Indian cities rank among the most polluted cities of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which are the ten most polluted cities in the country in the order of their pollution level?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) According to the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Environment Programme, the ambient levels of suspended particulate matter in respect